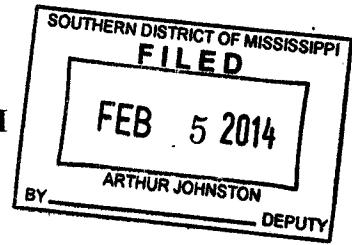


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
NORTHERN DIVISION



PRESTON KEITH ROBERTS

PLAINTIFF

v.

CIVIL ACTION NO.

3:14cv94cwr-FKB

HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI d/b/a
HINDS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT,
SHERIFF TYRONE LEWIS IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY

DEFENDANT

**COMPLAINT
JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

COMES NOW THE PLAINTIFF, Preston Keith Roberts, and files this action to recover damages for violations of his rights under the Fair Labor Standards Act against the Defendant, Hinds County, Mississippi, Hinds County Sheriff's Department, and Tyrone Lewis in his official capacity as sheriff of Hinds County, Mississippi. In support of this cause, the Plaintiff will show unto the court the following facts, to wit:

PARTIES

1. The Plaintiff, Preston Keith Roberts, is an adult Caucasian male resident of Rankin County, Mississippi, residing at 127 Cody Lane, Brandon, MS 39042-9055.
2. The Defendants are Hinds County, Mississippi, the Hinds County, Mississippi Sheriff's Department, and Tyrone Lewis, Sheriff of Hinds County, in his official capacity.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

3. This Court has Federal Question Jurisdiction and Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and 29 U.S.C. § 216(b).

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CAUSE OF ACTION
VIOLATION OF THE FAIR LABOR STANDARD ACT

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PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE PREMISES CONSIDERED, Plaintiff respectfully prays that upon hearing of this matter, the Plaintiff be granted the following relief in an amount to be determined:

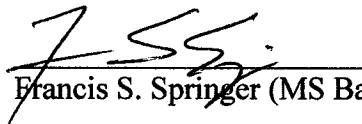
- a) Unpaid Compensatory due the Plaintiff at the higher of his last hourly rate or the rate of his last three consecutive years of employment;
- b) Liquidated Damages;
- c) Attorney fees;
- d) Costs and Expenses; and
- e) Other Damages and Relief as may be proper and appropriate.

This the 5th Day of February, 2014,

Respectfully submitted,

Preston Keith Roberts

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